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U.S. IS BIGGEST BOOTLEGGER IN WORLD, CHARGE

August Busch Goes to Europe and Finds Liquors Sold on Shipping Board Ships; He Wants an Investigation.

ST. LOUIS.—A letter charging the United States is "incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world," written by August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., while en route to Europe aboard the steamship George Washington and which has been forwarded to President Harding, was made public here today, together with an accompanying letter by Adolphus Busch, III, his son. A third letter by Anheuser-Busch, Inc., addressed to members of congress requests an investigation into the enforcement department of the government in relation to the prohibition act.

The letter of August A. Busch, addressed to his associates, says in part: "We are now approaching the coast of France. As this vessel is operated by the United States shipping board I was amazed to learn that the shipping board vessels are the wettest on the ocean."

"I learn that passage on these ships has been sold with a positive money-back guarantee that the bars for the sale of intoxicating liquors will be thrown open as soon as they pass outside the three mile coast line."

"This makes the United States incomparably the biggest bootlegger in the world."

Money-Back Guarantee.

"I understand the shipping board has brought to the notice of high officials of the government the fact that it could not compete on the high seas with ships of other nations and obey the constitution. Either by direct or indirect means, the shipping board is permitted to do in the dark, that which it is illegal to do—in order that it may make money."

"The fact that citizens of the United States would not buy passage upon ships of the United States so long as the Volstead act was operative upon these ships gives us a real sentiment of a considerable part of the American people with respect to prohibition, and we believe that a great majority desire a modification of the Volstead act."

Letter to President.

The letter of Adolphus Busch, III, which accompanied the letter of his father to the president, written from this city under the date of June 5, 1922, says in part:

"I am transmitting herewith a letter we have just received from my father, August A. Busch, president of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., written on board the United States steamship George Washington. Kindly note that he expresses astonishment that the prohibition laws of the United States are violated openly upon steamships owned by the United States and flying the United States flag. A copy of the wine list enumerating intoxicating liquors of every character is enclosed for your information."

Advised in Europe.

"We are reliably informed that the advertisement of the United States lines published in European newspapers, announce choice wines and liquors on ships of the United States. "We are also reliably informed that during all the time the government has been violating the prohibition laws, it has had public figures touring the country for preaching respect for the prohibition laws to the American people."

"We are enclosing what appears to be a government inspired newspaper editorial making a plea for the continued violating the prohibition laws on board the United States ships. We have authoritative information the day before this editorial was published that it was to appear the following morning."

Letter to Congress.

The letter of Anheuser-Busch, Inc., to members of congress inviting their attention to the wine lists of the shipping board steamers requests a congressional inquiry into the conditions regarding the enforcement of the prohibition act. The letter says in part: "We have repeatedly brought to the notice of the congress of the United States and the administrative officials the fact that the prohibition law is so loosely enforced as to invite its violation under these conditions that manufacturers of lawful products are being driven out of business."

The letter further says that the government in violating its law sets an example of hypocrisy, unparalleled in the history of the republic.

Lasher's Reply.

WASHINGTON.—The shipping board holds that "neither the Volstead act nor the 15th amendment apply to American ships outside the three mile limit." Chairman Lasher declared today in a letter to Adolphus Busch, III, vice president of the Anheuser-Busch Brewery Company of St. Louis. Confirming reports that alcoholics were being served on American ships at sea, Mr. Lasher, asserted that the shipping board had approved this custom, "both from the standpoint of legal right and from the standpoint of the life and security of our national merchant marine."

"The shipping board has permitted and will continue to permit the serving of liquor on its ships," he continued, "so long as foreign flagships are allowed to enter and depart from our shores exercising that privilege." Mr. Lasher's letter was in reply to a communication addressed by Mr. Busch to President Harding with reference to alcoholic drinks being served regularly on shipping board vessels at sea. "Your main insinuation regarding unscrupulous officials and editors reflects on you alone," Mr. Lasher continued.

UNION LABOR AGAIN OPPOSES CHILD WORKERS

Samuel Gompers Leads Protest and Suggests Mediums for Change of Federal Law.

LA FOLLETTE CHIEF
SPEAKER OF DAY

Delegates Favoring Radical Changes in Movement Get in First Blow.

CINCINNATI.—Organized labor again raised its voice at the convention of the American Federation of Labor here today against child labor, coupling with the observance of flag day. The program for the entire day's speeches was devoted to child labor with reference to the supreme court's decision of two months ago holding a child labor law unconstitutional for the second time.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin was to make the principal address this morning and other speakers were Dr. Albert Freyberg of Cincinnati, who has devoted years to study of the effects of child labor; Florence Kelly of the national consumers' league; T. V. McCullough, of the International Typographical Union; Wm. Green of the United Mine Workers of America; and Mary V. Hulus of the Woman's National Trade Union League. The day's program was opened by the Central Labor Union of this city presenting Samuel Gompers, president of the federation with an American flag. The audience stood during the ceremony and at its completion, joined in singing "America," and "La Marseillaise."

Then delegates turned to the protest against child labor.

Labor's program now, Mr. Gompers said, was to obtain adoption of a constitutional amendment, making possible a federal child labor law.

Delegates favoring radical change in the American trade union movement made their first move in the convention today by introducing a resolution urging the amalgamation of existing unions by industries into single organizations.

Whether Carter county will vote on the proposition of a county hospital possibly will be definitely decided at the mass meeting called here for the evening of June 24. Upon the sentiment at this meeting will depend largely as to whether the county commissioners call an election on the proposition, it is believed.

Members of the hospital committee from the medical association of Carter county are diligently working to create a public sentiment for it at this time. The committee consists of Dr. F. W. Roadway, chairman; Dr. G. E. Johnson, secretary; Dr. Walter Johnson, Dr. W. C. Sain, Dr. E. W. Wilson, Dr. Cameron, Haulton; Dr. McCormick, Wilson, Dr. Chas. Dowdy, Wilson.

These doctors point out the hospital will not be merely for charity cases. This is not the idea at all, they assert. Rather it will be a county hospital, accepting pay cases as well as charity cases. With these pay cases it is intended to maintain the hospital.

It will be utilized for all departments of medicine and will be open to all physicians, the committee says.

Few Flags Fly in Memory of Adoption of Banner in 1776

In commemoration of Flag Day, several Old Glories were seen waving in the air Wednesday, at intervals along Main street. And a few thoughtful residents brought out their banners of loyalty.

After the adoption of the Declaration of Independence in 1776, it was felt that a national emblem of union and independence should be chosen and on June 14, 1777 the flag of the thirteen United States with thirteen stripes, alternate white and red, and the union represented by a blue field with thirteen white stars was adopted.

Mrs. Betsy Ross of Philadelphia made the first flag and suggested that the stars be five-pointed.

Robert Ingram of Oklahoma City is in Ardmore looking after interests in the oil fields. Mr. Ingram with his parents, were pioneer citizens of this city.

TEXAS TOWN SWEEP BY FIRE



America

BY ABBA HILLEL SILVER

God built Him a continent of glory and filled it with treasures untold; He carpeted it with soft-rolling prairies and columned it with thundering mountains; He studded it with sweet-flowing fountains and traced it with long-winding streams; He planted it with deep-shadowed forests and filled them with song. Then He called unto a thousand peoples and summoned the bravest among them. They came from the ends of the earth, each bearing a gift and a hope. The glow of adventure was in their eyes and in their hearts the glory of hope. And out of the bounty of earth and the labor of men, out of the longing of hearts and the prayer of souls, out of the memory of ages and hopes of the world, God fashioned a nation in love, blessed it with a purpose sublime—and called it

AMERICA

CARS WILL PARK IN CENTER EAST MAIN STREET NOW

Merchants Will Have Chance to Voice Opinion Before Plan Effective, City Manager Says.

Plans are being made to relieve the congestion of traffic on Main street from Washington to Caddo streets, Kirk Dyer, city manager, in conference with the city engineer and chief of police have one plan, which if suitable to merchants in that block will be adopted.

At present service cars are being parked in front of the business houses and no places are left for others. In the plan cars will be parked in the center of the street and will be allowed to remain there indefinitely, but all cars that will be parked along the sidewalk will have a time limit, giving access to the business fronts to others.

Main street from Washington to the Santa Fe depot is twenty feet wider than it is west of Washington and according to measurements taken there is room enough for a center parking.

Mr. Dyer stated Wednesday morning that several schemes were under consideration that would relieve congestion of traffic but the above seemed to be the best and would be considered first. The matter will be taken up with merchants along this block in order to get their opinion on the matter.

School Board Row Will be Aired at Marietta Tonight

The legal end of the Ardmore school board row will be gone into tonight at 7:30 o'clock when attorneys for the board and for Franklin Bourland appear before Judge B. C. Logsdon at Marietta.

Bourland, deposed member of the board, is asking a restraining order prohibiting other members of the board from acting until his status has been defined. At a hearing before Judge Logsdon Monday afternoon an order was refused and tonight was set as the date for the hearing.

Some Dividend

NEW YORK.—Directors of the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corporation today declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents payable August 15 to stockholders of record July 15.

SHRINERS ELECT OFFICERS WHILE ENJOYING BREEZE

Man From Honolulu is Raised to Highest Position; Only One Contest Looms; Going to Races.

SAN FRANCISCO.—Election of imperial officers was the main business for which the imperial council of the order of the Mystic Shrine assembled today with the advancement of James McCallister of Aloha Temple of Honolulu, deputy imperial potentate to the head of the organization as a settled matter by virtue of long standing custom.

All other imperial officers, by the same custom, move up one notch this year, the only contest being for the lowest position, Grand Outer Guard. For this Ernest Mills of Za Ga Zik Temple of Des Moines, Iowa, and John Fouché of Alhambra Temple, of Chattanooga, Tenn., were the principal candidates.

Several events, automobile races at the San Carlos speedway in the afternoon, motor boat races and a yacht regatta, were on today's entertainment program, with a repetition of yesterday's parade as the main event of the evening.

The grand ball for the retiring imperial potentate, Ernest Allen Cullen, of Savannah, Ga., a banquet for him and other imperial officers and several other dinners took place last evening.

Betsy Ross Home Scene of Pompous Celebration Today

PHILADELPHIA.—Patriotic exercises in front of the quaint old home of Betsy Ross, marked the principal observance of flag day in this city. Preceding the ceremony was a parade in which members of nearly every veterans' organization and historical society took part.

This city claims not only the distinction of having produced the first flag, but also the citizen who conceived the idea of flag day. G. Granville Leach, member of a distinguished Philadelphia family, who is accredited with having been instrumental in having June 14, set aside for special reverence of the flag, died here two weeks ago. He and Betsy Ross were the subjects of eulogy for several of the orators today.

OPERATORS ARE TO MEET MINERS ON A WAGE BASIS

Central Competitive Fields Are Scenes of First Arbitration Between Strikers and Employers.

CONFERENCES MAY
BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Other Parleys Being Held in Other Sections of Nation, Operators Report.

CINCINNATI.—The operators of the central competitive field are ready to meet the miners on a substantial wage basis with a view to settling the nationwide strike according to William Green, secretary of the United Mine Workers of America. It was explained, however, that it would be necessary for operators joining in the conference to control enough coal production to warrant making any wage agreement they might reach with the miners a basis for pay throughout the central competitive field, which is the basing scale for all soft coal fields operating union mines.

Mr. Green said yesterday he had been conducting a movement among certain coal operators of the central competitive field to bring operators and miners together in conference.

Not having been informed what operators were to take part in the proposed conference, Mr. Green said he could not say whether they would represent sufficient tonnage to negotiate a pay basis. Should the plan materialize, he said it would be impossible to begin the conferences before next week.

Mr. Green's statement was made upon receipt of a report from Cleveland quoting T. K. Maher, president of the Maher Colliery company as saying conferences of operators were going on throughout the country in an effort to end the strike.

New Masks Will Protect Firemen From the Smoke

The fire department is the proud owner of four new smoke masks which are to be used by the fire fighters in cases of excessive smoke, according to Chief McFall.

With these masks a person can remain in smoke for five or six hours without feeling the effects of it. The members of the local fire department tested the masks Tuesday afternoon and report that they are satisfactory in every way.

Chief McFall stated that the boys in the department had just finished overhauling the old steam engine which has been in the department since 1900 and that it was now in first class condition. The engine has been idle for the past five years and although it is not as good as a new one, will be used in emergency cases and for pumping ceilings.

"Deacon" to Keep Peace Around His Church Hereafter

"Deacon" Ellis, negro church worker, has been appointed special watchman over his church by Sheriff Ewing C. London, following numerous complaints of disturbance of public worship, and his jurisdiction extends only to the confines of the church, which is situated in the negro community on Caddo creek northeast of the city.

Within the past several days numerous complaints have been made to the sheriff's office it is said. On last Sunday night, services were disturbed at the church and rocks were thrown at several homes. The appointment of Ellis was made only after the pastor with other officials of the church called on Sheriff London.

HARDING TO ACCEPT MONUMENT TO KEY

BALTIMORE.—Francis Scott Key's memory was honored today with the unveiling of a monument to him, erected by congress near the spot in historic Fort Mifflin over which floated the "Star Spangled Banner," immortalized in his poem, made the fort the mecca of a throng which gathered there long before the hour fixed for the arrival of President Harding, who was to accept the memorial for the nation.

Motoring from Washington, the presidential party was met at the city line by Mayor Wm. F. Broening and members of the reception committee. The hour set for the exercises to begin at the memorial was 4 o'clock.

Burmese women are the most attractive specimens of far eastern femininity.

Negroes Would Withdraw From Tulsa; Start a Town Their Own

OKLAHOMA CITY.—A petition signed by more than 2,000 Tulsa negroes asking that a special election be called to permit them to vote on withdrawing their section from Tulsa and incorporating it as a new town was presented to Governor Robertson. The petition was not in proper form and was returned for corrections before being considered. The negroes would incorporate their proposed town under the name of Norris City, the petition declared.

They alleged that their homes were destroyed by white mobs last year during the race disturbances in Tulsa, and that they are having to rebuild them without assistance from the white citizens. The petition also sets out that the negroes were given no protection at the time of the race riot and expressed fear that they would receive the same treatment should another such emergency arise.

KINNEY RELATES TALE OF WOE IN APPEAL HEARING

Whereabouts of Opal Not Explained; Ludie Has Been Married Four Times, Tells Court.

OKLAHOMA CITY.—Ludie Kinney, charged in a Kansas warrant with deserting a child by a former wife in that state, appeared before the criminal court of appeals today in a hearing on an application for habeas corpus and related his matrimonial experiences. Kinney said he had been married four times, twice to Mrs. Veda Kinney, from whom he was recently divorced. His last marriage was to Miss Opal Rexroat, wealthy Indian maid of Carter county. After Kinney had been on the stand for about an hour the hearing was continued until Thursday morning. Kinney who was arrested at Muskogee recently and held for extradition to Kansas, is at liberty on \$1,000 bond.

Kinney's present wife was not at the hearing. Her whereabouts have not been known since a warrant was issued charging her with assisting a fugitive from justice, her husband, to escape.

YOUNG DEMOCRAT FORM CLUB HERE

Second Meeting later in Week Called to Perfect Body and Outline Work in Coming Campaign.

Groundwork was laid last night at a meeting held in the district court house, for the permanent organization of a county unit of the Oklahoma League of Young Democrats. Quite a number of leading Democrats of the younger generation were present.

G. A. and C. A. Stark, state organizers, were present and outlined the needs and plans of the state organization.

It was planned to hold a meeting here, possibly Friday night, when the permanent unit would be organized. The League of Young Democrats is made up of young partisans who want to be of service to the party. It works as an auxiliary to the central organization.

TULSA MAN LEADING IN GOLF TOURNEY

OKLAHOMA CITY.—James A. Kennedy, of Tulsa, state champion, was leading Harry Gwinup, of Tulsa, 3 up at the end of the morning round in the semi-finals of the state amateur golf championship being played on the links of the Lakeside Golf and Country Club here. The score for the 18 holes was Kennedy 74; Gwinup 77. J. M. Donnelly of Oklahoma City was six up on E. F. Bates in their match to determine who is to represent the local club in the finals tomorrow. The score was Donnelly 80; Bates, 86.

CHAUTAUQUA MEMBERS GUESTS OF ROTARY

J. A. Cooper, lecturer of the Redpath-Horne Chautauqua, was the principal speaker at the Rotary luncheon, Wednesday noon, at Hotel Ardmore. Fred Horn, local member gave a three minute talk on the American flag.

Manager W. M. Grimm, of the Chautauqua, was also present and talked briefly to members of the club.

WIND HINDERED VOLUNTEERS IN FIGHTING BLAZE

Loss at "Mushroom" Town Will Run to \$150,000 with Half of Place Smouldering in Ruin Today.

BOARDING HOUSE IS
THE STARTING POINT

Explosion of Gasoline Tanks Added Horror to Intense Heat; Hampered Work.

FORT WORTH, Texas.—Fire started late last night destroyed more than half of Oil City, Texas, inflicting a damage estimated at \$150,000 before it was brought under control early this morning. The blaze started in Puckett's boarding house on Front Street and swept all before it.

There was just enough wind to make fighting the flames difficult. First word of the fire reached Fort Worth about 1:30 o'clock when A. E. Ryan, owner of the Owl Drug Company, received a telephone call from Graham that his store had been destroyed.

The fire swept down Grant Street to the Belmont Hotel, when the wind shifted and carried it across Main street to the Moddy garage. The flames lit up the countryside and a stream of spectators came from Graham and other nearby towns. Citizens of Graham were kept in touch with the fire until it reached the Owl Drug Store, where the telephone exchange was located.

The occasional explosion of gasoline tanks on automobiles in the garages remained one of a battle and kept workers from rescuing the cars. Heroic efforts on the part of citizens did save a few although most of their efforts were confined to the saving of stocks along Main street. Beyond a few surface burns from the heat, no one was injured.

STORY HOUR AT LIBRARY TO BE AIDED BY CLUB

Ryonis Members to Confer With Chautauqua Expert Before Inaugurating Work Here.

Miss Goldie Prosser, junior supervisor of the Chautauqua, was an interesting speaker at the noonday luncheon meeting of the Ryonis Club Wednesday, when it was decided that a story hour at the public library be inaugurated by the club, the members taking turns at duty. A committee was appointed to confer with Miss Prosser and make arrangements for the course of story telling.

It was voted to discontinue further meetings of the club until the first Wednesday in September, on account of the absence of many members of the club who are away for the summer.

Guests of the club were Mrs. Edward Curry of Oklahoma City, who is visiting Mrs. von Weiss, Mrs. O. M. Hoffmeyer, Mrs. Gardinier, Mrs. Ella J. Peterson and Miss Prosser.

The story hour committee consists of Mesdames C. C. Jones, librarian; Mrs. R. L. Disney, Mrs. Tom Harris, Mrs. George Henley, Mrs. Walter Nuestadt, and Miss Julia Davis.

My Opinion Is

Every day The Ardmoreite questions five persons on a subject of general interest. The answers are published with the names of those interviewed.

Question: What kind of news do you like to read?

CHAS. STEWART: I prefer the reading of civic and society news but the whole newspaper interests me.

MRS. ROY SHORES: General news, what might be called national news, gets my eye.

EUGENE HARRELD: I prefer human interest stories and believe that so many crime stories tend to exploit crime. It seems to me that crime and murder stories could be easily cut down without losing public favor.

MRS. HETTIE NORMAN: Of course I enjoy the entire paper but financial and national news are preferable. J. P. BRAWLEY: Naturally reading automobile news is my hobby but crime stories are always interesting. Society news is always enjoyable.

President Comes Back.

VLADIVOSTOK.—President Merklov, who was deposed June 3 by the constituent assembly here has resumed his place as head of the central government. General Districts, who had supported the assembly and returned to the government to the throne.